

WRETCH

make attempts to get one another down without blows, sp. as sport; hard fight *with*, use of force on, something. 2. v.i. Take part in w., have w. (*with, against*). *W. with* (bit of work, etc.), sp., make use of all one's powers on. ('resl).

wretch, n. Unhappy or poor person; bad person. '-ed ('retʃɪd), a. Unhappy or in trouble; of bad quality, poor, unpleasant. (retʃ).

wrick, v.t., n. Give small twist to muscles of (neck, back etc.). (rik).

'wriggle, v.i. & t., n. Be twisting about, go with snake-like motion; be twisting (body etc.) about. *W. out of* (doing), get out of (doing). ('rɪɡl).

wring (wrung), v.t., n. Get (cloth etc.) tightly twisted, crushed together, sp., to get liquid out; get (something out of), from) by force, frequent requests. *Wringing wet*, so wet that water may be wrung out; *w. one's hands*, be gripping them together as sign of being unhappy, troubled; *w. one's heart*, (of one who is unhappy etc.) make one very unhappy about him; *w. out clothes etc.*, w. to get liquid out of; *w. person's hand*, take it in tight grip. (rɪŋ ('rʌŋ)).

'wrinkle, i. n. Fold, line, in skin of face etc.; mark of same sort in soft material; [Com.] good trick for doing something. 2. v.t. & i. Make, get, ww. in. ('rɪŋkl).

wrist, n. Join of hand and arm. '-let, n. Band put on round wrist, sp. as support or with watch. (rɪst).

writ, [Law] n. Order in writing in name of authority to do or not to do something in view of process which is being started. *Holy w.*, BIBLE; *serve w. on*, give w. to (person named in it). (rɪt).

write (wrote, written), v.i. & t. Make signs representative of word(s) on paper etc. with pen, pencil etc.; make (marks), put down (words etc.), by writing; put necessary writing onto (form, cheque etc.); (make up and) put down on paper (book, letter, music etc.); be writer of books etc.; *w. letter* (to); say in writing (*that*). *W. down*, put in writing; put value of (stock etc.) down in accounts, on paper, as less; *w. off*, put down as a loss (old debt, amount of fall in value of plant etc.); *w. out*, w. down in detail; *w. up*, sp., w. about in newspaper etc., gen., making much of. **'writing**, n. Sp., written signs; how a person writes; book or other work of letters. (raɪt (rout, rɪtn)).

writhe, v.i. Be twisting or rolling about (as) in great pain; undergo great pain of mind (*at, under*, cruel words etc.). (raɪð).

wrong, i. a. Opp. right. 2. adv. In the w. way. *Go w.*, become damaged, not in order; get into bad ways. 3. n. Act(s), behaviour, against the rules of right

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behaviour. *Do* (person) *w.*, do something damaging, w., to; *do w.*, do what is w.; *in the w.*, in error, having done something w.; *put* (person) *in the w.*, make him seem in the w. 4. v.t. Do w. to (person); be judging (person) as worse than he is. **'-doing**, n. Act, behaviour, against the rules of right behaviour. **'-ful**, a. Without good reason, wrong. (rɔŋ).

wrote. See WRITE.

wroth, [I.et.] a. Angry. (rouθ).

wrought. See WORK.

wrung. See WRING.

wry, a. Twisted, turned to one side. *Make a w. face*, put on look of disgust. (raɪ).

X

X, Rom. number 10 (*X, x*); sign for amount to be worked out, cause etc. of which one is uncertain. (eks).

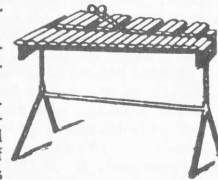
'xebec, n. Small ship with 3 sail-supports, used in Mediterranean Sea. ('zi:bek).

Xmas, n. Short form of the word CHRISTMAS. ('krɪsməs).

'X-ray, n. Sort of short-wave ray able to go through solid bodies, used for medical purposes. ('eks'reɪ).

'xylonite, n. CELLULOIDE. ('zɪlənaɪt).

'xylophone, n. Music instrument formed of wood rods of different sizes producing different notes when given blows or rubbed. ('zɪləfoun).



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Y

yacht, i. n. Small sailing-vessel for competition sailing; sailing-ship or ship of other sort kept for owner's pleasure. 2. v.i. Go in y. (jɒt).

yah, int. Used as sign of one's low opinion of person. (ja:).

ya'hoo, n. Low, rough person. (ja:'hu:).

yak, n. Long-haired ox of Tibet. (jak).

yam, n. (Potato-like part, used for food, of) sort of plant of warm countries. (jam).

yank, [Com.] v.t. Give sharp pull to. (jʌŋk).

'Yank(ee), [Hum.] n. American of U.S.A. ('jʌŋk(i)).

yap, v.i., n. (Make) short sharp noise of small dog. (jap).

'yarrow, n. (In BRIDGE) group of cards given out to player among which

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there is no card higher than a 9. ('ja:bərə).

yard, n. Unit of long measure, equal to 3 feet; such amount of material; arm of wood across MAST, to which top edge of sail is fixed. **'y-arm**, n. End of sail yard. (ja:d).

yard, n. Unroofed space outside building, shut in by walls or rails and gen. with stone etc. floor; space used for special purpose (*farmyard, dockyard* etc.).

yarn, n. Thread, sp., thick wool; [Com.] story. (ja:n).

'yarrow, n. Common flowering field-plant. ('ja:rou).

'yashmak, n. Bit of thin material put over lower part of face by Mohammedan women. ('jaʃmak).

yaw, v.i., n. (Of ship) not keep in desired direction. (jɔ:).

yawl, n. Sorts of ship's boat or small sailing-vessel. (jɔ:l).

yawn, i. n. Act of opening mouth widely in uncontrolled way as sign of needing sleep, etc. 2. v.i. Have a y.; be widely open. (jɔ:n).

y'clept, [Old] a. Named. (i'klept).

ye, [Old] pron. Pl. form of you. (ji:).

yea, [Old] int. Yes. (jei).

year, n. Stretch of time from January 1 to December 31; time which earth takes to make one complete turn round sun (about 365½ days); space of time from any day to same day in y. before or after. *Yy.*, sp., yy. for which person has been living; long stretch of time; *y. of grace, of our Lord*, any named y. after birth of Christ. **'y-book**, n. Book coming out every year, giving facts about some special field of interest. **'-ling**, n. Animal between 1 and 2 years old. **'-ly**, a., adv. (Taking place) every year, once in every year, by the year. (jiə).

yearn, v.i. Be full of desire (for thing, to do). (jɛ:n).

yeast, n. Substance produced in the forming of alcohol by certain liquids, used in bread-making. (ji:st).

yell, i. n. Sharp loud cry of pain, pleasure etc. 2. v.i. & t. Give a y.; say in loud voice. (jel).

'yellow, i. a. Of the colour of brass, the middle part of a fowl's egg, a LEMON. *Y. fever*, disease got in very warm countries, in which skin becomes yellow; *y. press*, newspapers giving news in way designed to have strong effect on feelings of readers. 2. n. Y. colour or colouring material. 3. v.i. & t. Become or make y. **'y-(h)ammer**, n. Small bird with yellow head, neck, and front. **'y-jacket**, [Am.] n. WASP, HORNET. ('jelou).

yelp, n., v.i. Dog's cry of pain or pleasure. (jelp).

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yen, n. Japanese money unit, at one time current as bit of silver money. (jen).

'yeoman, n. Owner of small farm, countryman. *Do y.(s) service*, give great help in time of need; *y. of the guard*, BEEFEATER. **'-ry**, n. Special force of military horsemen not in regular Brit. army. ('jəumən).

yes, i. int. Used in answering that something is so or that one will do something, or as sign that one is in agreement with statement, opp. no. *Yes?* Is that so? What is your business? 2. n. The answer "y." or statement having that sense. (jes).

'yester-, (On) the day etc. before this ('-day, -eve, -morn, -night, -year). ('jestə-).

yet, i. adv. Till now or then, still; again, in addition; some time, before the chance has gone (*will do it y.*); even (*y. older* etc.); though that is so. *Not y.*, not so far, not by this time. 2. conj. But at the same time. (jet).

yew, n. (Wood of) evergreen tree with dark leaves. (ju:).

'Yiddish, n. Form of G. used by Jews of Russia etc. ('jɪdɪʃ).

yield, i. v.t. & i. Give as fruit, profit, outcome; give up (right, thing); give way (to), give up. *Y. to*, sp., be less good than. 2. n. Amount produced, output. **'-ing**, a. Soft; readily giving way. (ji:ld).

'yodel, i. n. Sort of song without words, common in Swiss mountains, in which voice goes up to very high notes. 2. v.i. & t. Give y.; give (song) by yodelling. ('jəudl).

'yoga, n. Hindu system of thought and self-control designed for uniting the self with Higher Power. **'yogi**, n. Teacher of, expert in, yoga. ('jəʊgə).

'yo-heave-ho, int. Cry used by sailors when pulling together. ('jəu'hi:v'həu).

yoke, i. n. Bit of wood to which plough etc. is fixed, placed across necks of OXEN to keep them together; 2 transport OXEN; condition etc., sp. that of being married, uniting persons; rule, control; y.-like structure used by person transporting buckets; top part of dress, skirt etc. to which lower part is fixed. 2. v.t. Put y. on; get joined, united. (jəuk).

'yokel, n. Simple countryman. ('jəukl).

yolk, n. Yellow part of egg. (jəuk).

yon [Let., Old], **'yonder**, a., adv. (Placed) over there, in that direction. (jɒŋ, 'jɒndə).



YOKES ON SKIRT & DRESS